

One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 92

Chairperson: Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the safety of the general public and those authorized emergency and road assistance personnel providing service on controlled access highways.

LB 92, the "Move Over Bill" requires drivers on controlled-access highways that have at least two available lanes traveling in the same direction, to yield the right-of-way to a stopped authorized emergency or road assistance vehicle using proper audible or visual signals, by moving into a lane at least one lane apart from the stopped vehicle unless otherwise directed by peace officer or other authorized personnel.

If moving to another lane is not possible:

- 1) due to weather or road conditions, or
- 2) because the controlled-access highway does not have two available lanes traveling in the same direction,

then the approaching driver shall maintain a safe speed and proceed with caution.

Violators of this section would be guilty of a traffic infraction for first offense and a Class IIIA misdemeanor for second and subsequent offenses.

Principal Introducer:	
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